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Petition For Revival Of An Application For Patent Abandoned
Unintentionally Under 37 CFR 1.137(b) (Large Entity)

Docket No.
921095-910614

In Re Application Of: Stuart H. Thomson and Mark Y. Zhan

Application No.	Filing Date	Examiner	Customer No.	Group Art Unit	Confirmation No.
10/056,572	01-24-2002	Stephen T. Gordon	23644	3612	5439

Invention: DOOR EDGE PROTECTION SYSTEM FOR CONVENTIONAL AUTORACK RAILCARS



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The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper response to a notice or action by the Patent and Trademark Office. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration date of the period set for reply in the Office notice or action plus any extension of time actually obtained.

APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION

NOTE: A grantable petition requires the following items:

- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee--required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. A proposed reply to the above-identified notice or action:

is enclosed. was filed on _____

The proposed reply is in the form of: _____

2. The issue fee:

is enclosed. was paid on April 30, 2004

3. The abandoned application was a:

design application. utility application. plant application.

4. A terminal disclaimer (and fee) disclaiming a period equivalent to the period of abandonment is enclosed.

5. Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.

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Calculation and Payment of Fees

Enclosed are the following fees:

6. Petition fee under 37 CFR 1.17(m) in the amount of: **\$1,330.00**
7. Fee for amendment in the amount of: _____
8. Fee for extension of time to respond to Office Action in the amount of: _____
9. Issue fee in the amount of: _____
10. Continuing application filing fee in the amount of: _____
11. Terminal disclaimer fee in the amount of: _____
12. _____

Total fees enclosed: **\$1,330.00**

The fee of **\$1,330** is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **12-0913**

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Statement

The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional.



Signature

Dated:

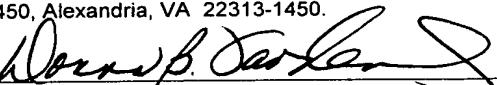


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Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence

DONNA B. VANDENBERG

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Confirmation No.: 5439

Filing Date: 01-24-2002

Group Art Unit: 3612

Examiner Name: Stephen T. Gordon

Attorney
Docket No.: 921095-910614

First Named
Inventor: Stuart H. Thomson, et al

Title: Door Edge Protection System for Conventional
Autorack Railcars

Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8(a)

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington,
D.C. 20231 *16*
on Wednesday, July 14, 2004


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Donna B. Vandenberg
(Printed Name)

- [x] AUTHORIZATION TO PAY AND PETITION FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF ANY NECESSARY FEES. If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following Communication (including but not limited to the payment of Issue Fees), they may be paid out of our deposit account 12-0913. If this payment also requires a Petition, please construe this authorization to pay as the necessary Petition which is required to accompany this payment.
- [] Applicant hereby petitions for a -month extension and entry of this Amendment which is sent within the month after the due date of , 2003. The payment of \$.00 to cover the -month extension is enclosed herewith.

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

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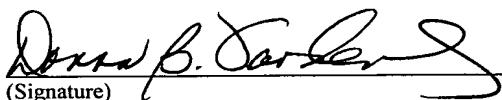
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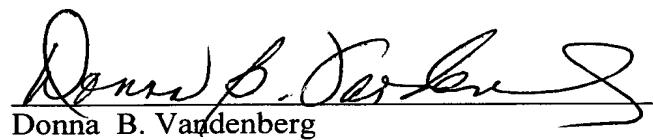
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**AFFIDAVIT OF DONNA B. VANDENBERG
IN RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT**

In response to the Notice of Abandonment (copy enclosed herewith), below is the
Affidavit of Donna B. Vandenberg

I, Donna B. Vandenberg, secretary to David C. Brezina, state that I deposited the Issue Fee including a check in the amount of \$1,630.00 in the U.S. Mail on April 30, 2004 as indicated by my initials on the postcard (/dbv) stamped received by the U.S. Patent Office on May 3, 2004.



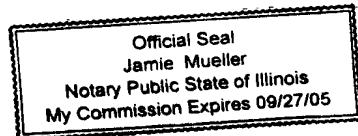
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NOTARY

Before me personally appeared Donna Vandenberg, who is personally known to me and whose name is subscribed to the above foregoing instrument, and acknowledge that she signed, sealed and delivered the said instrument for the uses and purposes herein set forth this 15th day of July 2004.



Jamie Mueller
Notary Public



In response to the Notice of Abandonment (copy enclosed herewith), applicant responds as follows.

- The Issue Fee was due and mailed on Friday, April 30, 2004.
- The checks covering the Issue Fee and assignment recordal were dated April 29, 2004 (copy of check stubs enclosed).
- The postcard stated that the Issue Fee, Assignment and checks were mailed on Friday April 30, 2004.
- The PTO acknowledges that the envelope containing the Issue Fee and checks was received on Monday May 3, 2004.
- Therefore, even though the Certificate of Mailing was neither dated nor signed, the envelope HAD to have been mailed from Chicago on either April 29, 2004 (the date the checks were written) or April 30, 2004 the day the Issue Fee was due (which is the Friday prior to the May 3rd date acknowledged by the PTO).
- Finally, functionally equivalent to the Issue Fee form (PTOL 85) being signed or dated by Donna Vandenberg is provided by her initials, "dbv", on the Postcard indicating that the package was mailed on April 30, 2004.
- Applicant's attorney submits herewith an Affidavit of his secretary, Donna B. Vandenberg, that the Issue Fee and corresponding check were deposited in the U.S. mail on April 30, 2004.

Therefore, applicant respectfully submits that the Issue Fee was mailed on the due date of April 30, 2004 and that the Notice of Abandonment should be rescinded. Applicant also submits that since the Issue Fee was paid on time that the Reinstatement Fee of \$1,330.00

is not required. However, if the Patent Office deems otherwise, the Reinstatement Fee can be charged to Applicant's Deposit Account 12-0913.

Respectfully submitted,



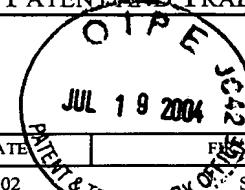
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United States Patent and Trademark Office

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NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT

This application is abandoned in view of:

- Applicant's failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on _____.
- A reply (with Certificate of Mailing or Transmission of _____) was received on _____ which is after the expiration of the period for reply (including a total extension of time of _____ month(s)) which expired on _____.
- A proposed reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to the final rejection.
(A proper reply under 37 CFR 1.113 to a final rejection consists only of: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114).
- A reply was received on _____, but it does not constitute a proper reply, or a *bona fide* attempt at a proper reply, to the non-final rejection. See 37 CFR 1.85(a) and 1.111. (See explanation in the last box below).
- No reply has been received.

- Applicant's failure to timely pay the required issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, within the statutory period of three months from the mailing date of the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85).

- The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, was received on 5-3-4 (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the statutory period for payment of the issue fee (and publication fee) set in the Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85)(or Notice of Publication Fee Due).
- The submitted fee of \$ _____ is insufficient. A balance of \$ _____ is due.
The issue fee by 37 CFR 1.18 is \$ _____. The publication fee, if required, by 37 CFR 1.18(d) is \$ _____.
- The issue fee and publication fee, if applicable, have not been received.

- Applicant's failure to timely file corrected drawings as required by, and within the three-month period set in, the Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37).

- Proposed corrected drawings were received on _____ (with a Certificate of Mailing or Transmission dated _____), which is after the expiration of the period for reply.
- No corrected drawings have been received.

- The letter of express abandonment which is signed by the attorney or agent of record, the assignee of the entire interest, or all the applicants.

- The letter of express abandonment which is signed by an attorney or agent (acting in a representative capacity under 37 CFR 1.34(a)) upon filing of a continuing application.

- The decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences rendered on _____ and because the period for seeking court review of the decision has expired and there are no allowed claims.

- The reason(s) below:

Petitions to revive under 37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b), or requests to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, should be promptly filed to minimize any negative effects on patent term.



CASE NO. 921095-910614

Holland L.P.
Please acknowledge
receipt of the
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Stuart H. Thomson et al

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APPLN NO : 10/056,572 BARNES & THORNBURG

FILING DATE: 1/24/2002

1. Issue Fee
2. Checks - \$1,630.00 and \$40.00
3. Assignment and PTO 1595
4. _____
5. Certificate of First Class Mail
6. Return Postcard

DUE DATE (If Any): April 30, 2004

DATE SENT April 30, 2004

/dbv

